



**South Florida Water Management District
Regulatory Peer Review Forum
December 5, 2003
10am-noon**

SUMMARY

Attendees:

Jay Foy	Stormwater J Engineering, Inc.
Howard Searcy	LBFH, Inc.
Tracy Robb	North Palm Beach Improvement District
Gerry Ward	Ward Engineering
Fred Roth	M. Schorah & Co
L. VanCott	Southern Design Group
Hian Kor	K-F Group, Inc.
Craig Kidwell	Qore, Inc.
John Yeend	JS Yeend PE
Dan Clark	LBFH, Inc.
Bill Keith	Keith & Associates
Ed Weinberg	EW Consultants
Ken Todd	Palm Beach County
Suelynn Dignard	SFWMD - Coastal Ecosystems Division
Tony Waterhouse	SFWMD - Surface Water Management Division
Maria Clemente	SFWMD - Environmental Resource Compliance Division
Anne Roth	SFWMD - Regulatory Information Management Division
Pam Sievers	SFWMD - Everglades Regulation Division
Damon Meiers	SFWMD - Environmental Resource Regulation Staff
Ralph Fanson	SFWMD - Environmental Resource Regulation Staff
Joanne Arasin	SFWMD - Environmental Resource Regulation Staff

1. Opening remarks and review of previous meeting minutes (Damon Meiers)

Mr. Meiers began the meeting by discussing briefly his role as meeting facilitator.

Prior to this meeting, Rob Robbins provided one comment on the minutes of the previous meeting. On page 3, in the second line of the second paragraph, the word "southwest" should be "southeast". There were no other comments on the minutes of the previous meeting.

To accommodate Mr. Searcy's schedule, Mr. Meiers requested that Agenda Item #4 be considered next.

4. Scripps Expedited Permit Process (Damon Meiers)

Mr. Meiers informed the Group that the permits for the Scripps facility proposed for Palm Beach County would go through the expedited permitting process.

The County will hold a meeting about permitting issues at 9am on Monday, December 8 in the Fourth Floor Conference Room of the Planning and Zoning Building. Mr. Todd commented that there will be answers to many initial development-related questions after that meeting.

A Regional Permit Action Team, composed of the various involved regulatory agencies, will be formed.

There was a general discussion of the permitting time frames. The District review process will operate with all time periods cut in half. The level of detail in the application must correspond to the requested type of permit. The County will probably be the applicant.

Secondary projects will be expedited if they are part of the initial application. Whether later phases will be expedited will depend on State Law.

The extension of Seminole Pratt Whitney Road and related effects on Unit 11 will be of interest to Indian Trail Improvement District. The DRI process will include such issues.

Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, will still apply. The District permit reviewers who will be assigned to the application have been selected. They will not work exclusively on Scripps. The District will be capable of managing the workload.

Any changes to the County five-year road plan will be considered as more details become available.

2. C-51 Update (Suelynn Dignard)

Ms. Dignard reported that the final deliverable (Number 3) would arrive on Monday or Tuesday, December 8 or 9, and should be on the District website by the end of the week. She was pleased with the amount and the quality of the involvement of non-District people during the review. She has already gotten many inquiries about the upcoming rule.

The County, the District, and FEMA have begun the process of updating FEMA maps based on the C-51 restudy. FEMA will use the restudy data if they have it by December 31. Ms. Dignard will see to that.

Mr. Todd commented that the County has assured FEMA that the County would contest any final approvals of the presently-proposed map revisions. Also, FEMA has expressed a willingness, based on funds availability, to revise maps of the south county based on the FIU aerals.

Mr. Foy commented that the C-51 Restudy is a success story for the Group, because members requested such a project probably at least five years ago. The FEMA maps updates would be an unforeseen secondary benefit.

Mr. Ward asked if Dewberry & Davis or Howard Baker would make the updates. Mr. Todd knew only that the County was working with FEMA to have the work done.

Mr. Ward expressed concern that operational problems at STA-1W could impact the finalization of STA-1E, which in turn could affect the C-51 Rule timing. Mr. Searcy and Mr. Meiers each felt certain that there was enough system flexibility to avoid such problems.

Mr. VanCott asked if conflicts could arise between revised C-51 criteria and FEMA maps updates. Mr. Todd expected it would take perhaps two years to prepare and implement revised FEMA maps. Mr. Todd said the County would let FEMA know of the concerns and would, through the related working groups, work to minimize such conflicts.

Mr. VanCott asked if the District would consider adopting interim criteria based on the up-to-date information. Ms. Dignard said that the contracted activities did not include such a Model run.

Mr. Meiers expected to initiate rule development in February 2004 and have a rule ready to adopt in September 2004. The STA is estimated to be fully operational in January 2005, and could not be counted on in a storm until then, even though the pumps could run as soon as January 2004. The Rule can not become effective until the STA is fully operational.

There was a discussion of the details of when partial or full operation could begin. There was a discussion of performing the extra Model run and using the results on a case-by-case basis. Ms. Dignard said the Model is available and is public information. Anyone who wanted to use it should contact her.

Mr. Todd asked if the District foresaw problems using such results in project design. Mr. Waterhouse felt a variance would be needed. There was a discussion of the pros and cons of using the Model. Mr. Meiers said he would get back to the Group about the issues.

There was a comment that having members of the Group involved in the Restudy had assured their satisfaction with both the process and the results. Mr. Foy and Mr. Ward each volunteered to be members of an advisory group on the rule-making effort.

3. District Updates (Damon Meiers)

Mr. Meiers reported that the reorganizing continues, but Environmental Resource Regulation (ERR) Department is likely to remain unchanged. Bob Howard replaced

Tommy Strowd as Director of Operations Control. No Hydraulics and Hydrology Group has been announced yet.

Ken Ammon will be director of the group which will oversee all CERP-related projects. Mr. Ward commented that the choice of Mr. Ammon's replacement must receive careful consideration. Mr. Ward also encouraged District employees to recommend others in the agency as candidates to fill vacant positions. Mr. Meiers informed the Group of the creation of the Watershed Management Department. (See Attachment 1).

There was general discussion of the changes which are planned to occur in Ken Ammon's group and elsewhere.

Water Use Division is not returning to ERR Department.

The District Governing Board will meet Wednesday, December 10, in Orlando, and on Thursday, the 11th, in West Palm Beach.

The District will emphasize work on three CERP storage projects - the EAA Reservoir, the C-44 Reservoir, and the C-43 Reservoir - because they provide 60% of the planned storage. The Corps will emphasize certain other projects. There was discussion of various aspects of this approach.

The Board will continue to explore the complex subject of public-private partnerships for building projects.

Mr. Ward distributed copies of the fee schedule proposed for final adoption on December 17 by the Lake Worth Drainage District (LWDD) Board of Supervisors. (See Attachment 2). Mr. Foy felt there was an issue of duplicative effort. The Group discussed the possibility of asking LWDD if they would accept flood evaluations which had been approved by SFWMD. There was a general discussion of the impact of fee amounts on both the review, and the post-permit, processes.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 6, 2004, at 10am in the Rogers Conference Room.

The meeting adjourned at about 11:30am.

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- H. Dean - Executive Director
 - C. Wehle - Assistant Executive Director
 - S. Wood - District General Counsel
 - C. Merriam - Deputy Executive Director - Water Resources
 - A. Sewell - Media and Community Relations
 - T. Bates - Director - ERR
 - D. Meiers - Deputy Director - ERR
 - Environmental Resource Regulation Division Directors

ATTACHMENT 1

Subject: Water Resources Realignment
Date: Wednesday, October 29, 2003
From: Dean Powell, Director, Watershed Management Department
To: All Groups

As part of the next phase in the reorganization of Water Resources, the Northern and Southern District Restoration Departments are being combined to create the Watershed Management Department. The mission of this new Department is to provide research, planning assessments and project management in support of District programs, projects and processes.

The Watershed Management Department will be comprised of three Divisions:

- Coastal Ecosystems Division (to include the previous Upper East Coast Division) – Deb Drum, Division Director
- Lake Okeechobee Division – Susan Gray, Division Director
- Everglades Division – Director will be recruited.

Shawn Sculley will be the Deputy Department Director, and also serve as the Interim Director for the Everglades Division until a permanent Director is selected.

Susan Gray will also assume the responsibility of coordinating the Environmental Operations team, which will continue to make weekly recommendations on the operation of the C&SF system, based on ecological conditions.

Please join me in congratulating this leadership team on their new assignments. Further developments will be communicated as we continue with the reorganization.



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Re: **Lake Worth Drainage District Operating Policies
Amendment to Section 1.0 - Fee Schedule**

On November 12, 2003 the Board of Supervisors of Lake Worth Drainage District tentatively approved the enclosed revised Fee Schedule, subject to final adoption at the next meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Lake Worth Drainage District on December 17, 2003 at the scheduled time of 10:25.

Concerned parties should review the new Fee Schedule and if you have comments please attend the Public Hearing at the meeting of the Board of Supervisors on December 17, 2003.

Sincerely,

LAKE WORTH DRAINAGE DISTRICT

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William G. Winters", is written over the printed name.

William G. Winters
Manager

WGW:jma

SUMMARY OF PERMIT FEE ADJUSTMENTS

LAKE WORTH DRAINAGE DISTRICT OPERATING POLICIES

1.0 FEES

1.1	<u>Inspection And Administrative Fees</u>	<u>Existing Fees</u>	<u>Proposed Fees</u>
	Culvert Crossings (0 - 120 L.F.) Non-box culverts	\$ 100.00	\$ 600.00
	Each additional 20 L.F. or fraction thereof	\$ 12.00	\$ 25.00
	Utility Crossings under or over existing culverts or attached to bridges as well as pole to pole	\$ 70.00	\$ 250.00
	Aerial, additional		\$ 150.00
	Bridges or Box Culverts (0 - 120 L.F.)	\$ 300.00	\$1,000.00
	Each additional 20 L.F. or fraction thereof	\$ 35.00	
	Over 120 feet, additional per foot		\$ 40.00
	Drainage Permits:		
	Projects 10 acres or less, base charge 0-10 acres	\$ 100.00	\$1,000.00
	Projects above 10 acres to 40 acres >10-40 acres	\$ 400.00	\$2,500.00
	Projects above 40 acres	\$1,000.00	\$3,500.00
	Changes to previously approved master plan or permits being modified	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00
	Spillways and/or Other Construction in Right-of-Way	\$ 50.00	
	Minimum (Recommend Removal)		\$ 250.00
	Excavation of Right-of-Way Maintenance Berm (not included in the above)	\$ 150.00	
	Minimum (Recommend Removal)		\$ 250.00
	Irrigation connection permit (ICP) (first connection included)	\$ 100.00	\$500.00
	Additional pump connections	\$ 20.00	
	Roadway Projects		
	Designs with zero or one discharge control structure	\$ 100.00	\$2500.00
	Each additional control structure	\$ 35.00	\$1500.00
	M.S.T.U. Roadway Projects (Private Property Assessed Projects)	\$ 100.00	\$1000.00

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**LAKE WORTH DRAINAGE DISTRICT
OPERATING POLICIES**

	<u>Existing Fees</u>	<u>Proposed Fees</u>
Fence/Gate located in the right-of-way (Fee is per Fence/Gate) (Permit and Inspection fees are included)	\$ 65.00	\$ 250.00
Boat Docks (Permit and Inspection fees are included)	\$ 150.00	\$ 250.00
Temporary Easements for Ingress/Egress One time processing fee	\$ 150.00	\$ 400.00
Signs (Permit and Inspection fees are included)	\$ 150.00	\$ 400.00
Temporary Use of Right-of-Way	-0-	\$ 100.00
1.3 Other Fees	<u>Existing Fees</u>	<u>Proposed Fees</u>
1.3.1 Conditional Permit Agreements (For subaqueous, aerial utility crossings. Permit and Inspection Fees are included).	\$ 300.00	\$1,500.00
1.3.2 Parallel Installations Utility lines running parallel and within the canal right-of-way (a pair of lines ten feet or less apart, constructed at the same time, will be considered as one. Permit and Inspection Fees are included).	\$ 15.00/L.F.	\$ 25.00/L.F